

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of ordering replacement items used by a reproduction device
5 comprising:

providing coupled to said reproduction device, a replacement item information
button; and

in response to a user activating said replacement item button, producing via said
reproduction device, at least one replacement item information document;

- 10 wherein said replacement item information comprises specific information needed
to facilitate the ordering of the exact replacement items which are used by said reproduc-
tion device.

2. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

reproducing said replacement information document in the form of a hard copy.

- 15 3. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

reproducing said replacement information document in the form of a user-
perceivable display coupled to said reproduction device.

4. The method of Claim 1, wherein said replacement items comprise supplies
consumable by said reproduction device.

- 20 5. The method of Claim 1, wherein said replacement items comprise re-
placement parts compatible with said reproduction device.

6. The method of Claim 4, wherein said supplies comprise toner.

7. The method of Claim 4, wherein said supplies comprise printing ink.
8. The method of Claim 1, wherein said reproduction device is a copying machine.
9. The method of Claim 1, wherein said reproduction device is a printer.
- 5 10. The method of Claim 1, wherein said reproduction device is a facsimile machine.
11. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
storing said replacement item information in non-volatile memory.
12. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
10 updating said replacement item information via coupling to a wide area networked website under the dominion of a designated merchant.
13. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
ordering replacement items via an electronic coupling to an instrumentality under the dominion of a designated merchant.
- 15 14. A method of ordering replacement items used by a reproduction device comprising:
networking at least one reproduction device to a computer;
providing via a display coupled to said computer, a replacement item information icon;
allowing a user to select a networked reproduction device for ordering at least one
20 replacement item; and

in response to a user activating said replacement item icon, transmitting at least one replacement item information document from a reproduction device to said computer;

wherein said replacement item information comprises specific information needed to facilitate the ordering of the exact replacement items which are used by said reproduction device.

15. The method of Claim 14, further comprising:

ordering replacement items via an electronic coupling to an instrumentality under the dominion of a designated merchant.

10 16. The method of Claim 15, wherein said electronic coupling is via a wide area network, and wherein said instrumentality comprises a website.

17. The method of Claim 14, wherein said replacement items comprise supplies consumable by said reproduction device.

15 18. The method of Claim 14, wherein said replacement items comprise replacement parts compatible with said reproduction device.

19. The method of Claim 14, wherein said reproduction device is a copying machine.

20. The method of Claim 14, wherein said reproduction device is a printer.

21. A system for ordering replacement items, said system comprising:
20 a reproduction device;
a replacement item information button operatively coupled to said reproduction device; and

at least one replacement item information document produced in response to a user activating said replacement item button;

wherein said replacement item information comprises specific information needed to facilitate the ordering of the exact replacement items which are used by said reproduction device.

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